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TITLE: ELECTRON-OPTICAL LENS ARRANGEMENT WITH AN AXIS THAT  
CAN BE LARGELY DISPLACED

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION

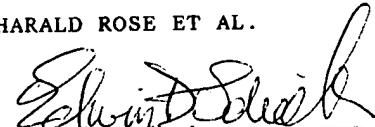
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Applicants hereby petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R.  
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Action, dated July 8, 2003, for the above-identified patent  
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